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The Division of Emergency Preparedness is concerned with protecting Brookline residents from potential public health threats. In so doing, the division has established the Department's Emergency Operations Plan, as well as a Medical Reserve Corps comprised of a group of volunteers who are willing to assist the Department with medical, public health, and administrative needs in the event of an emergency and throughout the year at health fairs, during flu clinics and other health department activities. In addition, the division has created multidisciplinary partnerships with residents and organizations throughout Brookline and its neighboring communities, to further enhance the safety of the town's residents.

Medical Reserve Corps

The Town of Brookline Department of Public Health continues to recruit, train, mobilize, and coordinate a group of community-based volunteers, known as the Medical Reserve Corps, who can serve during a local emergency health situation and assist with local public health needs throughout the year. Please see the Brookline Medical Reserve corps website, [www.brookline mrc.org](http://www.brookline.mrc.org) for additional information and application.

Brookline and the Urban Area Security Initiative

Through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Urban Area Security Initiative, funding has been granted to nine cities and towns in the metropolitan area—Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, and Winthrop—to prevent, prepare for, and respond to both terrorist and naturally occurring threats. While the activities in the grant are administered through Mayor Menino's Office of Homeland Security, each city and town has received some emergency equipment, and participates in planning and drills to enhance the region's overall preparedness level. The goal of the grant is to promote comprehensive, cooperative, and interdisciplinary approaches to public health emergency management. The disciplines that are participating in the initiative are: public health, fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, public works, and health care.

Massachusetts Emergency Preparedness Region 4B

To appropriately address regional public health threats, the Massachusetts Department of

Public Health has divided the state into 7 regions and apportioned funds accordingly. Brookline is located in Region 4B, which is comprised of 27 communities and a total population of 980,000 people located throughout the Boston metropolitan area. Designated health department staff members from each community meet monthly to strengthen the regions collective capacity to effectively respond to emergencies. For the past five years the Region's planning efforts have been tested when the communities of Brookline, Belmont, Arlington, Newton and Watertown have worked together to host sub-regional flu clinics to vaccinate residents, including many children and families. The clinic will be held in Brookline in 2009.

Preparing Brookline Residents: At Home

Disasters are, by their nature, unpredictable and can cause significant emotional stress for those located both within and outside of the disaster zone. For this reason, the Brookline Department of Public Health is encouraging all Brookline residents to have a plan in place, prior to an emergency, to ensure that you and your family have an updated communication plan and adequate emergency supplies for your home. Creating and regularly reviewing your emergency plan will help you understand what to do, who to call, and where to go in an emergency.

The Brookline Health Department has developed an Emergency Preparedness Begins at Home educational program that it has presented together with the Brookline Police Department to more than 40 organizations in Brookline. If you are interested in learning more about this free, interactive emergency preparedness program, please contact Dawn Sibor at 617-730-2656.

- [Download](#) the Brookline Emergency Preparedness Begins at Home flyer
- [Download](#) and print a family disaster plan for you to complete with your family
- [View](#) the Department of Homeland Security's Emergency Survival Kit
- [View](#) planning tips for people with disabilities or special health needs

Local Emergency Telephone Numbers

Emergency (voice/TTY) 9-1-1
Brookline Emergency Operations Center 617-730-2772
Fire (non-emergency) 617-730-2260
Police (non-emergency) 617-730-2222
State's Terrorism Tip Line 888-USA-5458
Brookline Health Department 617-730-2300
Brookline Public Schools 617-730-2401
Town of Brookline Switchboard 617-730-2000
Selectmen's Office 617-730-2200
Brookline Public Works Department 617-730-2156
Brookline Water and Sewer Department 617-730-2170
Brookline Human Resources 617-730-2330

Emergency Shelters

Brookline High School, located at 115 Greenough Street, has been designated as the Town's primary emergency shelter.

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Website Links

- [Massachusetts Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Information](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Bioterrorism Information](#)
- [U.S. Department of Homeland Security](#)
- [American Red Cross](#)
- [American Red Cross Children's Guide to Disasters](#)
- [American Red Cross Special Needs and Concerns](#)
- [American Red Cross Pet Safe Program](#)
- [Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency](#)
- [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#)
- [Department of Health and Human Services Disasters and Emergencies](#)
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- [Create your own personal safety plan](#)

Local Information

- [Town of Brookline Emergency Management Team](#)
- [NSTAR](#)
- [KEYSPAN](#)